

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of August 14, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the support members have printing fluid channels for distributing the printing fluid to the supported printhead integrated circuits and that these printing fluid channels of the linearly aligned support members communicate the printing fluid to one another. Support for these amendments can be found at page 9, line 22-page 11, line 23 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Silverbrook and/or Lu in view of newly cited King et al. (US 6,457,810), for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner contends that King discloses "the support members of the modules being configured to communicate said printing fluid with one another (figure 2, element 14)". However, the channel shaped member 12 (which has the sidewall "14") disclosed by King merely defines the channel 20 into which the tiles 22 are received (see col. 2, lines 43-50). That is, the channel shaped member of King does not have printing fluid channels.

Thus, King does not teach that printing fluid channels of the channel shaped member are configured to communicate printing fluid with one another if plural channel shaped members are linearly aligned, as is required by amended independent claim 1. Further, King does not suggest such an arrangement to one of ordinary skill in the art because the assembly 90 into which the channel shaped member is received defines the ink supply canals (see col. 6, lines 28-53).

Thus, no combination of Silverbrook, Lu and King teaches or suggests the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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